

CASEMENT PLAN OF ACTION SHOWN AS TRIAL BEGINS

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Plotted to Land Several Expeditions in Ireland, is Evidence

THROWS AT HEARING Sir Roger Calm and Smiling as Prosecutor Reads Charge

LONDON, May 15. Part of the carefully laid plans by which Sir Roger Casement and his confederates plotted to set up an independent republic in Ireland were revealed today when Sir Roger was brought from the Tower of London for a preliminary hearing in New street police court.

The charges reserved much of its evidence for the formal trial to be held later. Enough was presented today, however, to show that Casement planned with German aid to land not only on the coast of Ireland and elsewhere on the British Isles.

The German auxiliary that accompanied Casement and his comrades aboard the ship U-19 to the Irish coast carried arms and munitions sufficient to equip a large force of rebels. Attorney General Smith declared. When the auxiliary was sunk by a British patrol boat, the cargo was carried to the bottom a million rounds of munitions, 20,000 rifles, 10 machine guns and many bombs.

These were to have been distributed to rebel bands counted on to rise and join Sir Roger in his victorious march on Dublin.

In the prisoners' dock with Casement today was Daniel Bailey, formerly an Irish soldier, who was captured by the Germans. Sir Roger was induced by Casement in a visit to his prison camp to join in his expedition to Ireland and with Casement went ashore from the U-19 in a collapsible boat.

Sir Roger was clad in a seedy dark suit, with frayed sleeves. He entered the courtroom smiling and nodding to some of the men who knew him before he was knighted. His face was covered with a stubby, green beard that gave his best smiles a ghastly look.

He wore a pair of shoes requisitioned from the stock of the British army. The strings on his shoes and those of his companion were absent, the result of a precaution taken by authorities against aids by the prisoners.

Sir Roger was brought to court from the tower in a taxicab, closely guarded, and was in the courtroom before many persons knew of his arrival.

Bailey, who escaped at the time of Sir Roger's capture, was captured on Sunday in Wandsworth. He had been living in disguise for more than three weeks, while Scotland Yard scoured the British Isles for him.

Sir Roger, who is one of the most famous prisoners arraigned since the outbreak of the war, was described as having a reputation and no fixed place of abode. He was described as a soldier, who had been in the service of the British government for more than 20 years.

The charge against the defendants was that they did "on divers occasions between November, 1914, and April 21, 1916, unlawfully, maliciously and treasonably, commit high treason within and without the realm of England, in contempt of our sovereign lord King and his laws, to the evil example of others."

The prisoners, especially Sir Roger, seemed to be in excellent health and spirits. They were escorted to the courtroom by a British soldier, who was seen to be in the Tower under a military escort.

The trip was made secretly in order to prevent any untoward demonstration in the streets. There were accommodations for only about 50 spectators, and the police on duty outside the court had a difficult time in restraining them.

Since his arrest Sir Roger has devoted considerable time preparing data to be used in his defense. He attempted to obtain Sir Edward Carson, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, to defend him. It was reported, but failed. If this report was true the circumstances presented a strange anomaly, for Sir Edward Carson is at the head of an Irish faction which is bitterly opposed to Home Rule for Ireland.

COURTROOM CROWDED. Historic Bow Street Court was filled to capacity when and Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney General, opened the case for the Government.

The women, who arrived at 1 a. m., were the first in line at Bow street, but by 5 o'clock a large crowd had assembled. The police supplied the women who arrived before dawn with coffee.

Sir Frederick began with the life history of Casement, outlining his public activities in detail. As the Attorney General spoke Sir Roger sat in the dock with his chin resting upon the palm of his hand. He glanced keenly at the magistrate from time to time and

TAYLOR NAILS ANONYMOUS LIES; PREDICTS LOAN BILL VICTORY

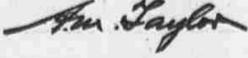
Cowardly obstructionists have this morning at great expense flooded the voters with anonymous printed false statements which they have not the courage to sign.

I want to warn every voter against being misled by the statements which these obstructionists are issuing in their last desperate attempt to defeat the transit and port loan bill, and to condemn you to continue to submit to the hardships and inconveniences which are imposed upon the riders and to the payment of the \$800,000 yearly exchange ticket penalty.

Again, I urge you to pay no attention to those powerful interests and their stealthy agents, who are working in every section of the city to deprive you of your rights and to lead you to play into the hands of your enemies by voting against the transit and port loan bill.

The fact that the statements being issued are unsigned should be enough to place you on your guard. In this crisis in the city's history, I urge every voter to support the welfare of the city and the welfare of the people by voting for the transit and port loan tomorrow, and I predict that the loan bill will pass by a substantial majority; for the people are going to take the bit in their teeth—this time.

Don't forget to demand a loan ballot when you go to the polls tomorrow.



TALK OF PEACE IN GERMANY FREE OF CENSOR'S BAN

Teutons Ready to End War, Is Declaration Heard Constantly

BERLIN, May 15. The most notable relaxation of the censor shown since the war began is now apparent in relation to "peace talk" in the newspapers and in press telegrams being sent outside of Germany.

The general tenor of the peace arguments is that the people of the belligerent countries are tired of the bloody strife and the enormous financial drain and are ready to quit, if their Governments consent.

In Germany the declaration is constantly heard that the German Government stands ready and willing to open peace negotiations. The constant reiteration of this statement, it is believed, is having considerable moral effect upon the peoples of the nations at war with Germany. It may eventually weld public opinions so strongly that the Governments may be forced to listen to the voice of the public and heed it.

There is a strong disposition in some quarters to regard President Wilson as the logical mediator, although this has recently been weakened somewhat by the refusal of the United States to heed Germany's demand that the American Government compel England to lighten her blockade against the Teutons.

Some newspapers express the opinion that the chance now awaits President Wilson to become one of the great international figures in history by making representations to the United States in the history of mankind.

Expressions, especially from members of the British Government, that the Allies' flight into Germany is crushed and that the dust is regarded as the only obstacle which prevents President Wilson from making some sort of overtures to the belligerent governments. But in the face of the growing party of "pacifists" that the American Executive will address himself to the varying powers and that fighting may come to an end before the conclusion of another six months of warfare.

There seems to be a strong sentiment in some sections of the governments opposed to Germany against intervention for peace on the part of the Pope. This may be due to the fact that German and Austrian-Hungary are at the head of the Vatican ban. England, France and Russia, or it might be inspired by other political considerations, but the fact remains that it does exist very strongly.

WAR'S END SOON AND SUDDEN; ALLIES VICTORS, SAYS HILL

Railway King's Son-in-Law Back From Flying Trip Abroad

NEW YORK, May 15.—Germany is beaten and the end of the war is near at hand, according to Samuel Hill, associated with his father-in-law, James J. Hill, in railway enterprises, who arrived late last night in Liverpool on the liner Philadelphia.

Hill made a record trip abroad. He was only seven days ashore, but in that time he traveled from Liverpool to London; from London to Havre; to the headquarters of King Albert of Belgium and back again. He had a long talk with King Albert and got a glimpse of the front, near Dunkirk.

"Germany cannot struggle against the overwhelming financial strain and the economic conditions arising since the war," Hill said, explaining why he believed peace would soon come. "There will not be another winter campaign and peace will come just as suddenly as the war broke out. The French people have put their living on a practical basis. They eat only sufficient food to sustain them in health. King Albert, whom I have known for a score of years, is in splendid health and confident of early restoration to his people of the section of Belgium held by the Germans."

Hill said he made his flying trip to get certain information, the nature of which was not disclosed.

Delaware Town Quarantined

Saloons Must Be Closed Until Midnight Tomorrow

All saloons must close tonight at midnight and remain closed until midnight tomorrow.

The primary election tomorrow is regarded as a general election because the people will vote and decide the fate of the loan bill.

LOANS ATTACKED IN AN ANONYMOUS LAST-HOUR BLAST

City Flooded With Expensive Appeal Against Rapid Transit Plans

BEGS VOTERS TO WAIT

West Philadelphia Club Urges Defeat Because of Sectional Benefits

Opponents of the transit loan are making frantic last-hour efforts today to bring about the defeat of the measure which means the construction of a comprehensive system of rapid transit lines that would serve all of Philadelphia.

The city is being flooded with anonymous circulars, in which the "appeal" is made to the voters to mark their ballots against the transit loan on the argument that Philadelphia does not need rapid transit lines for another 30 years.

No one will assume responsibility for the efforts, but whoever is behind the last-minute campaign against the loan, apparently is not bothered about the expense. The circulars are printed on expensive paper and the printing alone cost several thousand dollars. They are being mailed to every voter in the city, in expensive, plain envelopes, and two-cent stamps are being used to carry them. The postage amounts to more than \$6000.

No names either of any individual or organization, is signed on the circulars. Penrose-McNichol leaders, who are known to be behind a movement to knife the general loan bill at the polls tomorrow, deny all knowledge of it.

The circular contains arguments that favor the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and which the friends of the Taylor plan and the advocates of the passage of the loan, today challenged as "specious and misleading."

It is also contended in the circular that the passage of the loan bills would mean an exorbitant tax rate of \$2.25 instead of \$1.50, the present rate.

An organization signing itself "The Taxpayers' Association of West Philadelphia" is flooding the district west of the Schuylkill River with appeals to defeat the general loan bill.

The plea is made in the circular sent out by this association, that if the loan is passed "all general improvements for West Philadelphia will be postponed for ten years."

Only \$20,000 for a sewer is included in the general loan for West Philadelphia, the "association" asserts.

MAYOR IN FINAL SPEECH PREDICTS SWEEP FOR LOAN

Tells Walnut Street Business Men Majority Will Break Record

ENDORSED BY ASSOCIATION

The Walnut Street Business Men's Association today went on record as favoring both loan bills after hearing the Mayor speak for them. The motion was made by E. J. Lafferty, chairman of the All-Philadelphia Committee, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith closed his campaign for the loan bills when he spoke this afternoon at a luncheon given by the Walnut Street Business Men, at the Bellevue-Stratford. He ended his speech with this ringing appeal:

"I implore you to fight for Philadelphia tomorrow, just as you would fight if you were called on to defend that flag yonder."

And he pointed to the country's flag, which he just above his head.

The Mayor told his hearers that not alone the majority he was so confident of, but the credit of the passage of the bills would have to go to A. Merritt Taylor, former Director of Transit.

He made the prediction that he loan bills would get a bigger majority than had ever been given to any loan bills in Philadelphia. In his speech the Mayor said:

"I don't know that there could be anything more fitting than this luncheon at this time, for it marks the opening of the Philadelphia Today and Tomorrow Exposition and the close of my campaign for the loan bills."

"I am glad to look you men in the face and ask that recognition of these bills there was no star chamber session."

"Immediately after I was inaugurated this man on my right," he indicated Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's Finance Committee, "came to my office and we made a compact. We agreed that we would run the administration of this city aboveboard and openly. We did away with the Subcommittee on Finance which formerly framed the city's financial condition behind closed doors."

DEAD IN DU PONT EXPLOSION NOW KNOWN TO BE FOURTEEN

The bodies of eight more dead which were taken from the ruins of the explosion at the Gibbstown plant of the du Pont concern were identified this afternoon as follows: Leon Wilson, Gibbstown; Robert Gatten, Gibbstown; Andrew Ettinger, Pittsburgh; George Ryan, Paulsboro; Thomas Jordan, Woodbury; Harry Lippincott, Joseph Cheyney and Bernard Keller. This increase the known dead to 14.

Explosion Wrecks Powder Plant at Gibbstown, N. J. City Trembles

MAN BLOWN TO ATOMS

Several Believed Buried Under Debris—Fire Hampers Rescue Work

An explosion, declared to be the most destructive in life and property in the history of the factory, today wiped out a portion of the Retaupe plant of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, at Gibbstown, N. J.

The number of dead is estimated by the company at 10, but searchers are exploring the ruins in the hunt for other bodies.

Several men, known to have been in or about the buildings destroyed, are missing, while some of the injured will die.

FIRE HAMPERS RESCUE

Fire, immediately following the first explosion, added to the terror of the disaster and made more difficult the efforts at rescue. Some of the bodies may not be recovered owing to the double danger from flame and the adjacent munition and powder storerooms.

The cause of the explosion is unascertained, the company declaring that the trinitrotoluol building, in which the first explosion occurred, contained no substance dangerous except by contact. Investigation by the Department of Justice may be asked in view of this fact.

THE KNOWN DEAD

The known dead are: FREDERICK LAWLEY, assistant superintendent of the plant, 48 years old, a resident of Woodbury.

GEORGE MARSH, foreman of trinitrotoluol plant and a resident of Paulsboro.

FRANK BAMBENI, laborer, of Gibbstown.

EDWARD ZANZET, workman, 46 years old, of Woodbury.

FLOYD HOBBS, workman, 55 years old, of Woodbury.

Known to be missing is: JOHN VOKE, laborer, of Woodbury.

LIST OF INJURED

Injured and in hospitals are: WILLIAM GEITZ, workman, 50 years old, of 42 West Center street, Woodbury. Both legs broken, lacerations and general contusions. In Cooper Hospital.

LONIGER TABLACK, workman, 31 years old, living at Gibbstown. Right shoulder broken, lacerations and contusions. In Cooper Hospital.

RUNE EVERLY, workman, 32 years old, Gibbstown. Contusion of the brain, general lacerations. In Cooper Hospital.

CHARLES HERITAGE, workman, 50 years old, of Woodbury. Both legs blown off. At emergency hospital on grounds.

At 2 o'clock the duPont company gave out its first estimate of the number of dead. The estimate was distinctly low. It included surviving men who had been in the vicinity of the destroyed buildings made this total much higher, some fixing the number of missing as more than 50.

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THE WEATHER

This is Blue Monday for thousands of women in town and out of it. Of course, the gloomy firmament is no source of joy to any one, except the ducks and pessimists.

FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Based on a new discovery in Solar Physics by W. L. MOORE AND W. F. CAROTHERS. Sunday, May 15.—The week will open clear and cool.

GOVERNMENT FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity. Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with probably showers; clearing tonight; moderate east to south winds.

WARSHIPS HERE PREPARE FOR PRACTICE CRUISE

The reserve section of the Atlantic fleet, which consists of 10 battleships, now stationed at League Island, will begin preparations today to join the fleet at battle practice on Monday, May 22, off the coast of Virginia.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE

to start reading "THE SON OF TARZAN" the best of the Tarzan stories by EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS